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Obiter Dictum: Lord Lister

In investigating Nature you will do well to bear ever in mind that in every question there is the truth, whatever our notions may be. This seems, perhaps, a very simple consideration, yet it is strange how often it seems to be disregarded.

Discussion

In terms of operating conditions there was little to choose between Valium, midazolam alone or midazolam with pentazocine although the latter group was slightly better than midazolam alone.

Satisfactory (good or fair) operating conditions were achieved in 76% of the first series of patients, when midazolam was given by the anaesthetist and in 89% when given by the endoscopist. These differences, although not statistically significant, could be due to greater familiarity with the drug.

The simple pegboard test provides a simple means of comparing recovery following different drug regimens. Performance of this test improved with repetition but this does not detract from its value. Recovery times were similar in the 3 series and all are acceptable in clinical practice. In a similar study in dentistry with equivalent dosage of the same drugs, we did not find any statistically significant difference in recovery with midazolam and diazepam (14, 15). Blood samples taken from patients just before leaving hospital showed low plasma midazolam levels which are unlikely to produce any residual drowsiness, although one would recommend that they go home accompanied and advise that they abstain from alcohol until the next day.

It is a common observation that alcoholics require a higher dose of sedative to achieve adequate sedation and midazolam proved no different in this respect. The fact that the concomitant use of cimetidine had no effect on the dosage of midazolam required to achieve satisfactory sedation is very important in the clinical situation in which midazolam would be used.

Our findings suggest that midazolam is an effective substitute for diazepam, without some of the disadvantages of the older drug, particularly its propensity to cause venous irritation and relatively longer plasma half life.

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The antiseptic system does not owe its efficacy to some specific virtue in the agent employed, nor can it be taught by any rule of thumb. One rule, indeed, there is of universal application—namely this: *Whatever be the antiseptic means employed (and they may be very various), use them so as to render impossible the existence of a living septic organism in the part concerned*. But the carrying out of this rule implies a conviction of the truth of the germ theory of putrefaction, which, unfortunately, is in this country the subject of doubts such as I confess surprise me, considering the character of the evidence which has been adduced in support of it.

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You are probably by no means sufficiently alive to your deficiencies; for it is an unfortunate property of ignorance that it is ever unaware of its own existence.

Let us ever contend against prejudice; and remembering that the glorious truth is always present, let us strive patiently and humbly to discover it.

The danger of chloroform may be compared, not inaptly, to that of railway travelling. In both cases the risk incurred by any individual is so small that it does not enter seriously into our calculations. And just as railway accidents are generally occasioned by culpable mismanagement, so death from chloroform is *almost invariably* due to faulty administration.

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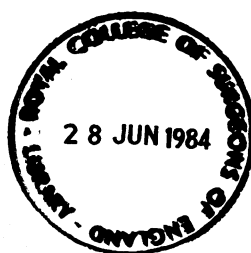
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College diary

July

Wednesday 4

Animal Care course

Thursday 5

Election to Council

DDPH examination begins

Wednesday 11

Ceremony of Presentation of Diplomates (11.30 am)

College Dinner (7.30 pm) (see below)

Thursday 12

Quarterly Council (2 pm)

August

MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY CLOSED THIS MONTH

Thursday 23–Monday 27

COLLEGE CLOSED

Friday 31

First Membership examination begins

September

Saturday 1

Surgery course begins

Monday 3

Short revision courses in Anatomy and Physiology/Pathology begin

Thursday 6

Primary FFA examination begins

Monday 10

Final Membership, DOrth (Part I) and Final LDS (Part II) examinations begin

Introductory course in Clinical Anaesthesia begins

Friday 14

Short revision courses in Anatomy and Physiology/Pathology end

Introductory course in Clinical Anaesthesia ends

Monday 17

Course of lectures and demonstrations in Basic Medical Sciences begins

Tuesday 18

Primary Fellowship examination begins

DOrth (Part II) examination begins

Wednesday 19 – Friday 21

Annual Meeting in Southampton

Monday 24

Final LDS (Part I) examination begins

Anaesthetics course begins

Wednesday 26

DA examination begins

Saturday 29

Surgery course ends

COLLEGE DINNER

The guest speaker at the College Dinner on Wednesday 11th July will be Mr Jonathan Porritt. His talk will be entitled 'The Health of the Planet: a Green Perspective'.

The dinner is open to all Fellows and Members of the College and its Faculties and their guests. Dress is informal and the dinner is at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Ticket price £16, including sherry and wines, may be obtained from the Catering Supervisor at the College up to ten days before the dinner.

College and Faculty news

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 12th April 1984 with the President, Professor Geoffrey Slaney, in the chair Professor B Cohen CBE was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship of the College, Dr Grace Warren FRACS was admitted to the Fellowship by election and the Sir Arthur Keith Medal was presented to Mr I Capperault FRCSed, FRCSGlas.

The death of Mr E D Ahern, of Brisbane, Honorary Fellow of the College, was reported with regret.

Professor E O'Malley, President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, was elected to the Honorary Fellowship of the College, and the following were elected to the Fellowship: Dr Barbara M Ansell CBE FRCP, Professor Sir Paul Bramley FDSRCS, Dr J A S Forman OBE FRCS, Dr D D C Howat FFARCS, Mr M I Ionescu FACS and Sir Henry Yellowlees KCB FRCP FFCM Hon FRCSGlas Hon FRCPsych.

The Honorary Medal was awarded to the Right Honourable Lord Leverhulme in recognition of his invaluable service to the College as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee since 1976.

The Lister Medal for 1984 was awarded to Professor Roy Calne FRCS FRCS in recognition of his distinguished contribution to transplantation surgery over the past 25 years.

The Cecil Joll Prize for 1982-84 was awarded to Mr H H G Eastcott FRCS in recognition of his outstanding contributions to vascular surgery.

The Wood Jones Medal for 1982-84 was awarded to Professor R Coupland FRSE for his outstanding contributions to clinical anatomy.

Travenol Travelling Fellowships were awarded to Mr J MacFie FRCS and Mr M Mughal FRCS.

The fifty-eighth Macloghlin Scholarship was awarded to Mr J M Applegate, of Loughborough University of Technology.

A Sir Henry Morris Studentship was awarded to Mr R J Bennetts, of the University of Leicester.

The following Hunterian Professors, Arris and Gale Lecturers and Arnott Demonstrators were elected for the year 1984-85:

HUNTERIAN PROFESSORS

Professor D C Bartolo
Professor J R P Gibbons
Professor I A McGregor
Professor R A Miller
Professor R J Newman
Professor J P Payne
Professor G N A Sibley
Professor M Stewart
Professor R E B Tagart
Professor D F M Thomas
Professor A Watson
Professor R F M Wood
Professor T E Udwardia

ARRIS AND GALE LECTURERS

Mr D Alderson
Mr A Radcliffe
Mr J B Rainey
Mr R A J Spence
Mr R Wolverson

ARNOTT DEMONSTRATORS

Professor M H Hast
Air Commodore J E Malcolm

Mr W A B Smellie FRCS was appointed Regional Adviser for East Anglia in succession to Mr B H Hand FRCS.

The following were appointed Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutors for three years in the first instance:

TRENT REGION

Mr D R Bhadrashwar FRCS (*Barnsley*) in succession to Mr P W S Muller FRCS

SOUTH-EAST THAMES REGION

Mr R W Hoile FRCS (*Medway Hospitals*) in succession to Mr R L Hay FRCS

SOUTH-WEST THAMES REGION

Mr A G Nash FRCS (*St Helier Hospital*) in succession to Mr J Edwards FRCS

WEST MIDLANDS REGION

Mr S A Taylor FRCS (*Wolverhampton*) in succession to Mr A W Jowett FRCS

Certificates of Accreditation were awarded to the following

Fellows of the College:

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Mr M J Elliott
Mr W E Morgan
Mr T Treasure

GENERAL SURGERY

Mr M H Ornstein
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Mr A J Rich
Mr W G Lambert
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Mr N J Henderson
Mr D T Shakespeare
Mr W A Scott
Mr A Turner

PLASTIC SURGERY

Mr M J Earley
Mr T J O'Neill

UROLOGY

Mr R G Hughes
Mr D M Thomas
Mr A J Ball
Mr P M Thompson

At an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10th May 1984 with the President, Professor Geoffrey Slaney, in the chair Dr Erik Amdrup, of Aarhus University, was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship of the College.

Professor Geoffrey Slaney was re-elected President of the College for the year from 12th July 1984. Mr David Innes Williams and Mr Alan Graham Apley were elected Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year.

Mr David Evans, of the Westminster Hospital, was appointed Robert Jones Lecturer for 1985.

Professor K M Taylor FRCSGlas, of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, was elected to the Fellowship of the College *ad eundem*.

Mr J H Shoesmith FRCS was appointed Regional Adviser for the Yorkshire Region in succession to Mr F G Smiddy FRCS.

The McNeill Love Medal was presented to Mr H G Paull ACIS MBIM, Records Officer, in recognition of 30 years of service to the College.

The Hallet Prize was awarded to Dr A O M El Nagggar MB BCh, of Ain Shams University.

Council approved the establishment of a Standing Committee of the College for Wales.

The following were appointed Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutors for three years in the first instance:

YORKSHIRE REGION

Mr A C Broughton FRCS (*Pontefract General Infirmary*) in succession to Mr P St G Anderson OBE FRCSed

NORTH-WEST THAMES REGION

Mr R D Rosin FRCSed (*St Mary's Hospital*) (new appointment)

WALES

Mr J R W Hombal FRCS (*Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr*) in succession to Mr M Idris Khan FRCS.

COUNCIL VISIT TO BELFAST

The President, Senior Vice-President and 13 Members of Council, some accompanied by wives, attended a College Day organised by Mr Terence Kennedy and his colleagues in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, on 23rd March 1984.

A symposium held in the Clinical Lecture Theatre was devoted to 'Repair', 11 papers being delivered on general and specialist surgery, dental surgery and anaesthesia. The large and appreciative audience participated in the discussions. To end the scientific

meeting Mr A Graham Apley delivered the Sir Thomas and Lady Edith Dixon Lecture on 'Fracture Repair' under the Chairmanship of Sir Ian Fraser.

An outstanding day was rounded off with a reception and excellent dinner in the Great Hall of Queen's University. The toast to the College was felicitously proposed by Dr Peter Froggatt, Vice-Chancellor. In reply Professor Geoffrey Slaney, President of the College, handsomely proposed the toast to the University of Belfast and the Belfast hospitals.

MEETING OF BOARD OF FACULTY OF ANAESTHETISTS

At a meeting of the Board of Faculty held on 20th March 1984 Professor Donald Campbell of Glasgow was re-elected Dean and Dr Richard Atkinson of Southend was elected Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists for the year from June 1984.

Professor Campbell, Dr Atkinson and Professor Michael Vickers of Cardiff were elected as Faculty representatives on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the year from July 1984.

Dr Atkinson was readmitted and Professor Gordon McDowall of Leeds was admitted to the Board of Faculty following their success in the election to the Board held on 7th March 1984.

Dr M S Araujo of Oporto, Portugal, Dr K Sugioka of North Carolina, USA, and Professor S Saev of Sofia, Bulgaria, were elected to the Fellowship in the Faculty.

Dr J E Riding was reappointed Faculty representative on the General Medical Council.

Dr W L M Baird was appointed Faculty Regional Educational Adviser for the West of Scotland in succession to Professor Alastair Spence.

The following were appointed or reappointed Faculty Tutors:

NORTHERN REGION

- Dr S C Craddock (*Shotley Bridge*)
- Dr P Cauchi (*Hartlepool*) (in succession to Dr D J Daniel)
- Dr R Gautam (*South Shields*)
- Dr G. Riddle (*Ashington*) (in succession to Dr D J Greaves).

*Dr M A Quader (*Darlington*)

YORKSHIRE REGION

- *Dr M Evans (*Dewsbury*)
- *Dr G Lyons (*Leeds St James'*)

EAST ANGLIAN REGION

- Dr D J Elliott (*Ipswich*) (in succession to Dr C Hodgson)

NORTH-EAST THAMES REGION

- Dr V G Punchihewa (*Basildon*) (in succession to Dr E P Gibbs)
- *Dr M S Pegg (*Royal Free*)
- Dr S M Srivatsa (*Romford*) (in succession to Dr P O Bodley)
- Dr D A Thomas (*Harold Wood*)
- *Dr Z Zych (*Harlow*)

SOUTH-WEST THAMES REGION

- *Dr E I Hayward (*Frimley Park*)
- Dr A Landes (*Queen Mary's Roehampton*) (in succession to Dr J M Page)
- Dr J Robson (*Guildford*) (in succession to Dr J Stoneham)

WEST MIDLANDS REGION

- *Dr I J Davis (*Worcester*)
- Dr M Messih (*Sutton Coldfield*) (in succession to Dr W G B Clark)
- Dr J Richardson (*Warwick*) (in succession to Dr D Larard)

MERSEY REGION

- *Dr R M Clark (*Crewe*)
- *Dr A M Florence (*Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool*)
- Dr S L Snowden (*Royal Liverpool Hospital*)
- Dr C Ince (*St Helens/Knowsley*) (in succession to Dr N E Williams)

NORTH WESTERN REGION

- *Dr R A Bowman (*Manchester Royal Infirmary*)
- Dr B B Sahal (*Ashton under Lyne*) (in succession to Dr V Brim)

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND

- *Dr L V H Martin (*Edinburgh Royal Infirmary*)
- *Re-appointments

Certificates of Accreditation were granted to the following Fellows in the Faculty:

NORTHERN REGION

- Dr Felix Joseph Fernandes

YORKSHIRE REGION

- Dr David Christmas
- Dr Andrew Richard Garnett
- Dr Marion Miller

TRENT REGION

- Dr Richard Arthur Cooke
- Dr Jane Pearce Hall
- Dr James Stephen Mason
- Dr Philip John Moss

NORTH-WEST THAMES REGION

- Dr Gregory Earnshaw
- Dr David Frank Senior

NORTH-EAST THAMES REGION

- Dr Peter Desmond James
- Dr Julian John Olver

SOUTH-EAST THAMES REGION

- Dr Beverly-Jane Collett
- Dr Michael Howard Davies
- Dr John Trelawny Brooks Moyle
- Dr William Jeremy Keevil Rickford

WESSEX REGION

- Dr Richard Maurice Foxell
- Dr Stephen Lionel Hill
- Dr Laila Naguib Iskander

OXFORD REGION

- Dr Richard John Summerfield

SOUTH WESTERN REGION

- Dr Jane Louise Brown

WEST MIDLANDS REGION

- Dr Douglas Creighton Richards

MERSEY REGION

- Dr Paul Grant Cobner
- Dr Elizabeth Clare Howard
- Dr Robin Reid Macmillan
- Dr Phillip Thomas

NORTH WESTERN REGION

- Dr Nigel Jeremy Nicholas Harper
- Dr Ian Donald Macartney
- Dr Janis Shaw

ABERDEEN

- Dr Abdul Wahad Sheikh

GLASGOW

- Dr Brian Nisbet Cowan
- Dr George Christopher Cummings
- Dr John Cameron Howie
- Dr Michael David Inglis
- Dr Thomas Ireland

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Dr Kenneth William Harper
- Dr Peter James Wright

The Fellowship Prize was awarded to Dr W P Saul.

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the candidates named in the pass list (p. 12); a Diploma in Anaesthetics was granted to Dr M F Bristow.

FACULTY OF ANAESTHETISTS ANNUAL MEETING, 21ST MARCH 1984

Address by the Dean, Professor Donald Campbell FFARCS MRCP (GLASG)

'Mr President, Fellows and Members, in my last address to you I forecast that the ensuing year would be one of consolidation following a period of considerable change in all aspects of the Faculty's affairs and so it has been.

'Quite properly, the main emphasis has been on our educational activities, highlighted by the inaugural postgraduate study day held in partnership with the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. This was a most successful venture attended by over 500 anaesthetists and arrangements are well in hand for the next meeting in October. This will now be an annual event and, I believe, represents an important addition to our already considerable educational effort. Equally successful was the new course in anaesthesia for dentistry in conjunction with the Faculty of Dental Surgery, and this, with some slight changes in style and content, will be repeated this year. The two Boards believe that this joint venture will prove to be a significant contribution to the betterment of clinical practice and the raising of standards in dental anaesthesia.

'Yet another innovation took the form of a meeting on teaching methods, a residential course for a limited number of Faculty Tutors, and this experiment was sufficiently encouraging to warrant a repeat effort this year. The meeting will be held at Dyffryn House, near Cardiff, on 30th May to 1st June. Again, in response to requests at the 1983 Faculty Tutors' meeting in Lancaster, the Board has begun to consider the possible role of microprocessor-based computers in its educational work and a workshop for Board and Council members has been held as an initial step. It is hoped that this will assist in clarifying our thoughts on where the Faculty, and indeed the College, can usefully encourage the proper use of the new technology in the teaching of anaesthesia and surgery, particularly in the district general hospital departments.

'As far as our traditional courses for trainees in anaesthesia are concerned it has been decided to continue, at least for the immediate future, with the introductory course in clinical anaesthesia, although we expect that regional courses throughout the United Kingdom will increasingly meet a need for the new Part I examination. The existing three-week courses, orientated towards those who are candidates for the Final Fellowship examination, will continue in much their present form, but the Institute's basic science course is to be shorter in duration and altered in content following discussions with the Institute.

'The new examination regulations have been published and the Examination Committee and Board have now completed the necessary detailed work to ensure a smooth transition to the new format. There will be a further opportunity to discuss these matters at the forthcoming Faculty Tutors' meeting in Stirling in June. The Vice-Dean and I attended the international meeting of the English-speaking Colleges and Faculties and the American Boards in Atlanta in the autumn, taking the opportunity to keep our colleagues informed of the forthcoming changes in our examinations in order not to prejudice the important matter of reciprocity of qualifications in anaesthesia.

'Examinations, as you know, are currently being held between Bonham Carter House and this College and these arrangements, while not ideal, have been reasonably successful due in no small measure to the hard work of the examinations secretariat. The Board is still concerned to find a more permanent arrangement for the future.

'The inaugural Faculty Diplomates Ceremony, held on 16th June 1983, was a most happy and successful event, marking a further important step in the evolution of this Faculty within the College as a whole. The ceremony was graced by our President and the presence of many distinguished guests, including past Deans and Board Members, Honorary Fellows, Faculty Medallists and a number of the illustrious pioneers of our specialty, including Sir Ivan Magill, Sir Robert Macintosh and Dr J Alfred Lee. Dr John Nunn addressed the new diplomates in a memorable and inspiring way entirely worthy of the occasion. Later in the year his great distinction and service to this College was recognised by the award of the Fellowship by election of the College. At the next Diplomates Ceremony in June of this year Dr Derek Wylie will receive the Faculty Medal and will give the address.

'I should also like to report progress so far as the Faculty's financial independence within the College is concerned. After much work on our behalf by the College's Chief Accountant, Mr Townsend, to whom we are considerably indebted, a formula has been arrived at for presentation to Council which should ensure the

smooth transition of this important aspect of our affairs. This is to be carried out in such a way as not to create unnecessary problems for the College at a time of potentially grave financial difficulty for all of us. The Board will wish to play its full part in sustaining the life and activities of this College and supporting our President's leadership in these troubled times for the medical profession. I might remind Fellows that the Dean, Vice-Dean and one other Board member, currently Professor Vickers, sit as full Members of Council and participate in a number of College committees.

'Fellows and Members will hardly need reminding by me of the increasing costs that affect all of us in our private and professional lives. This Faculty and the College as a whole are not immune in this respect. Subscriptions have remained at the relatively modest level of £50 since 1981 and it is likely that, after due consideration of future needs, the Board may decide in the coming year that an increase is in order. Any proposed changes will, of course, be brought to next year's Annual General Meeting for approval.

'In furthering the Faculty's evolution within the College the President has held preliminary discussions with the Vice-Dean and myself preparatory to a formal meeting later this month of the joint working party on the constitutional future of the Faculty. These continuing discussions fulfil the wishes of Council and Board, as set out in decisions agreed in 1982, to explore in a friendly and co-operative way various aspects of the Faculty's future development.

'The Board, like Council, has been considerably exercised over the deteriorating manpower situation in medicine in general and particularly within our specialty. While no immediate solution has been determined, we have added our weight to the current negotiations being carried out between the Joint Consultants' Committee and the Department of Health. We are most concerned to protect the integrity of our training programmes and fulfil our obligation to continue to train suitably sponsored overseas candidates while maintaining the highest possible standard of care for our patients. Whatever the result of the national negotiations, the Board has decided to take an initiative on behalf of our own specialty in collecting the data, with the assistance of our Regional Educational Advisers and Tutors, on which to base our discussions and decisions on any necessary changes in career structure for the future.

'I must report to you changes in the membership of the Board at this time. You will be aware that Dr R S Atkinson has just been re-elected for a second term and the Board is fortunate indeed to have his experience and unstinting assistance at its disposal for the future. Professor Gordon McDowall has been elected to fill the vacancy following the completion of his service by Professor Sir Gordon Robson. While welcoming his successor, the Board would wish me to take this opportunity of thanking Sir Gordon for his long and exceptional services to the Board, our specialty and the profession at large. We wish him well in his new task as Master of the College's Hunterian Institute. I should also like to take this opportunity to express the Board's and my own deep appreciation of the service of Dr Aileen Adams, the retiring Vice-Dean. My personal indebtedness to her is great, yoked as we have been to the same plough these past two years. She has been a great encouragement and support to me throughout my term of office and I know that the Council of the College has also much valued her devoted service. I am delighted to welcome our new Vice-Dean, who takes up office in June, and look forward with considerable confidence to our new partnership in the year ahead. Lastly I wish to extend the Board's thanks to the Faculty Secretary, Mr Alan, and his staff for their continuing work on our behalf—if we are the officers on deck they most definitely are the all-important engineers who ensure that the Faculty's administrative engine responds readily to the telegraph. The College officers' labours must also be acknowledged at this time, in particular the long and distinguished service of Mr R S Johnson-Gilbert, happily recognised this past year by the award of our Honorary Fellowship. On a sadder note I would mention the death of Miss Hazel Child, the Deputy Secretary, after a long illness bravely borne. She will be much missed by all of us, especially those who remember her earlier career when she worked for the Faculty itself.

'And so I come to the end of this account of the Board's stewardship of Faculty affairs for the past year. I trust that we shall continue to enjoy and deserve the confidence of the Fellowship for the year to come.'

'NUMBER 1 IS SMITH & NEPHEW'

It was in 1954 that the H N Smith Research Unit was established at the Royal College of Surgeons of England by Smith & Nephew Associated Companies Limited in memory of H N Smith, the founder's nephew. Since then Smith & Nephew has been giving generously to the College; £¼ million received over the past 30 years and a further £300 000 promised over the next 6 years.

In recognition of this wonderful generosity Council decided to name Lecture Room I at the College as the 'Smith & Nephew Foundation Room'. An oak plaque was fixed over the door in December 1983 and on 15th March 1984 Mr Stephen Steen, President of Smith & Nephew Associated Companies, held a reception at the College to mark the naming of the room.

Mr Kenneth Kemp

During the reception, the guests adjourned to the Smith & Nephew Foundation Room where the President of the College, Professor Geoffrey Slaney, formally admitted Mr Kenneth Kemp, Chairman both of the Foundation and of Smith & Nephew Associated Companies, to Membership of the Court of Patrons. The following citation in honour of Mr Kemp was delivered by Professor A J Harding Rains, Vice-President of the College and himself a Trustee of the Foundation:

'Mr President, I have a tale to tell, a song to sing, of Soho, meetings of minds, and happy coincidences. "Soho"—a word to draw attention to an individual or a great happening, and Soho—a place, but not in London. I remind those who may know little of England north of Watford Junction or Welwyn Garden City of the Soho in Birmingham where, through the meeting of their minds, Boulton, Watt and Murdoch gave power and light to other engineers in the industrial revolution. The great foundry began there and the weighing-machine firm of Avery's came about.

'In the 1950s Kenneth Kemp was working for Avery's when Stephen Steen, then managing director of Arthur Berton Ltd (a firm notable in the feminine hygiene line), told his company secretary to find a young man, better than himself, who could eventually take over as company secretary. Kenneth was that young man and there developed between Stephen and Kenneth a remarkable meeting of minds which has continued. Berton's was acquired by Smith & Nephew in 1958, a honey of an acquisition, and Stephen Steen became chairman of Smith & Nephew in 1962 and Kenneth Kemp has followed him.

'Kenneth was born in Thailand and was educated at Bradfield, and I dare say absorbed some Grecian sagacity in that part of Berkshire. On leaving school, he decided to join the Territorial Army, the Devon Yeomanry, and very soon found himself committed to the whole of the Second World War as a gunner, serving with 25-pounder field artillery in France and the Far East, rising through the ranks to a captaincy, and at the end of hostilities by happy coincidence found himself and his battery in Thailand, the land of his birth and his mother. Parallel to his abiding commitment to Smith & Nephew is his interest in pictures, but I did hear somewhere that he finds the generality of money an absorbing hobby, with, as the saying goes in medicine, a special interest in fiscal matters.

'There are other happy coincidences, Mr President, for while Kenneth was showing his mettle in Avery's and Berton's you and I were enjoying the good years of higher surgical training in Birmingham, and you will recall how Avery's gave me every assistance in spending a grant of £3 to modify their weighing machines for research into blood loss at operations. Furthermore, Mr President, in your Chair at Birmingham today you are in line of succession to Professor Samson Gamgee of absorbent dressing fame, a surgeon who doubtless influenced the development of the dressing and absorbent pad industry of Southall and Barclay, and Berton, all to be acquired by Smith & Nephew. Beside you on this dais sits Kenneth Kemp, the Chairman in line of succession from T J Smith and the personification of the Company as you are of surgery in our country. And what of Smith and his nephew many ask? T J Smith began with a small chemist's shop in Hull in the 1850s and by 1896, having expanded his activities into the wholesaling of cod liver oil (doubtless to the dismay of every child in the country), recruited his nephew, one Horatio Nelson who must have had parents with great naval pride. Forty-one years later this Horatio Nelson was able to float the company with a capital of over £500 000 with the name Smith & Nephew Associated Companies Ltd, and when he retired in 1954 it was said "the continuous and steady growth had been an outstanding example of the advantage both to the individual and to the nation of a long period of private enterprise". Yes, this great British company had branched out in

ways which were to be the foundation for further growth; Elastoplast became a household as well as a hospital word and Gypsona synonymous with improved plaster of paris technique. Mills were acquired to produce cotton clothing and products and for the large-scale manufacture of bandages, dressings and sanitary towels. During the war it was a story of meeting all wartime demands and the aftermath saw dramatic expansion geographically to South Africa, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Malaya, India and Pakistan, a great Commonwealth enterprise indeed. The range of products broadened to include antituberculosis drugs, Nivea, and hypodermic syringes. In 1958 occurred the major acquisitions of men and manufacture in Birmingham already mentioned. Today the benefits of polymer chemistry are being reaped and amongst a host of products for home, factory and hospital purposes we could mention Opsite, which contributes to the economic progress of our country through its national and international reputation, as does Flamazine.

'And for 30 years Smith & Nephew has been giving generously to this College. In 1954, through the then Chairman, Mr George Leavey, a Member of the Court of Patrons, and with the perception of Mr Davis of this College, now also a Patron, the H N Smith Unit was established in memory of Horatio Nelson (the nephew) to support research, at first in the Department of Physiology and then in the Department of Pharmacology. Another happy coincidence is that the College has a long-standing relationship with the Royal Navy and was in fact responsible for the examination of Horatio, Lord Nelson to fix his disability payment after loss of arm and eye. Yet another coincidence is to be noted when the support for research shifts to the Department of Biochemistry under Professor Crawford, who is a native of Hull and began his career there and continued it in Birmingham.

'Since 1962 these special relationships, almost family relationships, have been fostered by Stephen Steen, also a Patron, through the Smith & Nephew Foundation under his chairmanship and then under that of Donald Seymour. And we are indeed delighted to welcome to the College on this occasion Mrs Charlton, daughter of the remarkable nephew. The College has already enjoyed gifts of over a £¼ million from the Company and Foundation. Last year Kenneth Kemp, Chairman of the Company, became Chairman of the Foundation and one of the first items of business, which he pursued with great skill, was a matter dear to the heart of Stephen Steen, now President of Smith & Nephew—namely, the promise of a further £300 000 to the College over the next 6 years. The College gratefully acknowledges this support as it does the fruitful common ground that exists between its Fellows and the members of the Company. We hope that friendships will continue to grow by the meeting of our minds. Today marks the contribution of Smith & Nephew to the research carried out here in the true Hunterian tradition which this College is pledged to continue by the naming of one of our major meeting rooms, our major lecture room, after the Foundation.

'I have sung my song and told my tale and now I come to the admission of Kenneth Kemp to the Court of Patrons. I should point out that the Court is composed of a relatively small number of men and women of rare ability whom the President and Council rate highly as advisers and friends, a body to which the President regularly gives an account of the whole spectrum of work of the College and in return receives sound advice and encouragement. In Kenneth Kemp we discern a man of rare ability and resourcefulness in working with a will for the good of whatever is best. Mr President, it is plain how full and unanimous is Council's wish that Kenneth Kemp be presented to you for admission to the Court of Patrons.'

After the President had fastened the ribbon of the Patron's Badge round Mr Kemp's neck, he in turn thanked the President and the College in the following words for the honour bestowed upon him and the Smith & Nephew Foundation:

'Mr President, I am greatly honoured to become a member of your Court of Patrons and it is a great pleasure to me that you have conducted this ceremony in the Smith & Nephew Foundation Room. It is also very good of you to bring so many of my Smith & Nephew colleagues to be present.

'The honour you have so kindly bestowed on me reflects the very close relationship for many, many years between the Royal College and the Smith & Nephew group of companies. I am sure the good relationship will continue for many more years.

'I would like to express my thanks to Tony Rains for the erudite way in which he summarised my career.

'Mr President, thank you once again for the privilege of becoming a member of your Court of Patrons, and may I also take this opportunity to thank the Royal College of Surgeons for naming this room the 'Smith & Nephew Foundation Room'.

'Thank you.'

The guests returned to the Council Room and before the reception came to an end Mr Stephen Steen, our host, gave the following address:

'Mr President, it has been a great pleasure to all of us from Smith & Nephew to have been present at this reception this evening to witness the ceremony, to hear the citation from Professor Tony Rains and to watch the installation by the President of Kenneth Kemp, our Chairman, as a Patron of the Royal College of Surgeons. I would like to mention that among those here this evening are most of our Company's executive Directors, as well as the founder Trustees of our Smith & Nephew Foundation, together with Margaret Charlton, our ex-Director and daughter of our first Chairman and President, H N Smith. Tony Leavey's father, G E Leavey, was the first Chairman to become a Patron of the College, followed by myself and now Kenneth Kemp. Long

may this important honour become available to the Chairmen of Smith & Nephew to continue the progressive contributions that the Company will be making to the College. It is now part and parcel of the Company's annual budget to our Foundation and has become a vital recognition of its social responsibility that plays so important a part in the making and improving of the fabric of our Company. I am reminded of Lord Beveridge's key thought in the opening of the CIBA Foundation in London over 30 years ago. He said that the CIBA Foundation was not a laboratory for the mixing of compounds. The Trustees, he said, were determined to make a laboratory for the mixing of scientists. I have always believed that our function was to make possible the mixing of people (the meeting-place of the wise) with opportunities for all selected for the teaching and learning in the Royal Colleges occupied in our fields of endeavour. The backbone of our endeavour will always remain with the Royal College of Surgeons, which has been instrumental in giving us every help and advice whenever required. Long will this relationship remain and let us together go from strength to strength.'



After the admission ceremony the protagonists stand in the entrance to Lecture Room 1—the Smith & Nephew Foundation Room. From left to right: Professor A J Harding Rains (Vice-President), Mr Kenneth Kemp (Chairman, Smith & Nephew Foundation), Professor Geoffrey Slaney (President), Mr Stephen Steen (President, Smith & Nephew Associated Companies) and Mr David Innes Williams (Vice-President).

LISTER MEDAL, 1984

The triennial Lister Medal for 1984 has been awarded to Professor Roy Calne FRS MS FRCS, Professor of Surgery in the University of Cambridge.

The award has been made in recognition of Professor Calne's distinguished contributions to transplantation surgery over the past 25 years, during which period he has been a pioneer in this field. He introduced the first successful use of chemical immunosuppression, initiated one of the earliest renal transplant programmes in the United Kingdom, has pioneered the first European clinical liver grafting programme, which was based on an extensive experimental study, and has introduced cyclosporin as an effective immunosuppressive agent.

Professor Calne, aged 53, is a Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and trained as a medical student at Guy's Hospital, London. He is

Honorary Consulting Surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and is a member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The Lister Medal was founded by public subscription in respect to the memory of the Rt Hon. Lord Lister OM FRS FRCS (1827–1912) and in grateful appreciation of his eminent services to the science of surgery and thereby to mankind. The medal is awarded triennially by a committee representing the Royal Society, the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England and in Ireland, and the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow. The award is made, irrespective of nationality, in recognition of distinguished contributions to surgical science. The recipient receives a bronze medal and an honorarium and is required to give an oration in London under the auspices of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

A HAPPY FAMILY OCCASION

In 1900 the College celebrated its centenary by instituting the Honorary Fellowship as a means of expressing its appreciation of the work of distinguished people, both medical and non-medical. In 1984 the great company of Marks and Spencer celebrates its own centenary and to mark the occasion the College was pleased to honour two members of the M & S 'family'. Lord Sieff of Brimpton, Chairman of Marks and Spencer from 1972 to 1984, received the Honorary Fellowship and Mrs Elaine Blond, the last surviving child of Michael Marks, the founder of Marks and Spencer, was admitted to the Court of Patrons.

It was Simon (Lord) Marks—son of Michael and brother of Elaine—who once described our College as "the best kept secret in England; you make surgeons but do not tell anyone about it!" Having learnt our secret he, his family and his company all became most generous benefactors of the College and the gifts still continue.

On 19th April 1984 before a specially convened meeting of Council and friends Mrs Blond and Lord Sieff, aunt and nephew, were awarded their respective honours by the President of the College, Professor Geoffrey Slaney.

Mrs Elaine Blond

Introducing Mrs Blond, Lord Porritt, Past President, said:

'Mr President, I am most grateful to you for granting me the privilege of presenting Mrs Elaine Blond on the occasion of her admission to the Court of Patrons of this Royal College. This is surely rather a unique occasion when at the same time two members of the same remarkable family are recognised in different ways for their individual support of the College.

'Elaine Blond holds a very important and significant position in the tradition of that family, being the last surviving child of the founder of that amazing business we all know so well as "M & S". She is also the youngest sister of Simon Marks (the first Lord Marks), who established that business on the firm basis from which it has been raised to its present heights by none other than our newest Honorary Fellow. And what a benefactor Simon Marks was to this College in the early sixties! He literally saved it when our impecunious state had led to the temporary cessation of our post-war reconstruction.

'About 30 years ago, Mr President, there was a name well known in this College not only for his outstanding work at the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead with badly burnt RAF crews from the Second World War but for his increasing influence on College activities and policies. This name was Sir Archibald McIndoe. It was he who appreciated the fact that it was not enough to repair—however beautifully and meticulously—the horrific disfigurements of the now internationally known 'guinea pigs' but that treatment must include social rehabilitation of his patients, making it possible for them to re-enter the community without soul-destroying embarrassment. And it was in this connection that he turned to Elaine Blond who, with her husband Neville, had recently come to live near East Grinstead. The Blond response to this call for help was quite marvellous. They opened wide their lovely house, Gorwick Manor, as a convalescent home for the "guinea pigs" between and after their many reconstructive operations, and the milk of human kindness turned into the cream of open-handed hospitality. The example they set in care, kindness and understanding spread rapidly to the shops, hotels, cinemas and homes of the area and town of East Grinstead and, without any doubt, was a major factor in the superlative long-term results achieved.

'And so began the Blond/McIndoe partnership—and friendship—leading through the next decade to the establishment of a unique purpose-built Burns Treatment Centre and, later, the Research Centre—both the lavish gifts of Elaine and Neville Blond. Through these institutions (and Archie) Elaine began to know the College well and, apart from these indirect connections and whilst herself working actively on the Management Committee of the Queen Victoria Hospital, she began, generously as ever, to give direct support to the College on more than one occasion. The Research Centre was an idea which Archie McIndoe put to the Blonds as a means of furthering the good work of the Burns Unit by looking into grafting in general, researching the problems of graft rejection and linking up clinical problems with the whole rapidly developing concept of immunology; all of which appealed greatly to the forward-looking, enthusiastic views of the Blonds.

'Sadly, Archie McIndoe died suddenly and unexpectedly whilst the idea was still in its infancy, but Elaine and Neville decided to carry it forward as a memorial to him and, from the very beginning until today, the links between the Centre and the College have been close and two-way. The President of the College is ex-officio a

Trustee of the Institute and the Director of the Institute is an Honorary Professor of the College.

'Neville Blond was the first Chairman of the Institute Council and when he, too, sadly died, Elaine took on his duties. For the past 12 years or so she has been an admirable chairman—clear-thinking, direct and outspoken—with an intimate knowledge of all the personnel of the Unit and a surprising degree of scientific knowledge of its somewhat esoteric activities!

'Elaine Blond, as behoves a scion of the Marks family, has a clear analytical brain and a shrewd business sense. The causes she espouses (and believe me, they are legion) are carefully considered and evaluated, but once the decision is made the response is unstinted and generous in the extreme. Firm in her beliefs and in her principles, she is loyal to causes and loyal to her friends. Although she belongs to that very select club, the "Octogenarians", she is an active participant in all her many and varied interests.

'Another of these which we have in common is the vast problem of the rheumatic and arthritic diseases, both of us being on the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council of which, incidentally, the major research centre (and again of worldwide repute) is the Mathilda and Terence Kennedy Institute in Hammersmith. Mathilda Kennedy was Elaine's elder sister.

'I would not be fulfilling my duties if I did not just mention one or two of her other principal interests; some years back—when it was almost a "Mrs Whitehouse" subject—family planning; the care of refugee children; international Zionism, especially in the medical, scientific and educational fields; and, very near to her heart, the arts. Opera, ballet, orchestral music and the theatre have all benefited greatly from her interest and support. The Royal Court Theatre was Neville Blond's "baby", to which she has remained ever faithful. Even St Hilda's College at Oxford has not escaped the touch of her fairy wand!

'The philosophy that lies behind the phenomenal growth and enormous success of that wonderful business, "M & S", is "welfare of people". Elaine is a natural disciple of that creed. As a benefactor of this College she has amply fulfilled the criteria laid down for Patrons of *continuing* interest in its affairs. She is really rather a wonderful person who has devoted both herself and her ability to help to the welfare of very many people, and she is a very dear friend.

'I am honoured, Mr President, to present her to you so that you may admit her as a fully qualified member to our own Court of Patrons.'

Following her admission Mrs Blond spoke briefly in reply:

'All I want to say is, thank you for taking me into this noble part of the College. It is not really I who should be here but my friends and colleagues at East Grinstead for all their work there. I feel it is their due, not mine, but I thank you on behalf of them.'

Lord Sieff of Brimpton

Mr David Innes Williams, Vice-President, gave the citation in honour of Lord Sieff as follows:

'Mr President, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the Right Honourable Lord Sieff of Brimpton for admission to our Honorary Fellowship.

'Lord Sieff is, of course, well known to us in the College, having been a member of the Court of Patrons since 1977, but he is also well known to a far wider world, having enormously enhanced the great tradition he inherited, a tradition of successful enterprise, of quest for quality, of personal concern for the individual linked to a wider concern for the good of society, and of discriminating benevolence. 1984 is the centenary year of the great company of Marks and Spencer. Lord Sieff's grandfather, Michael Marks, pioneered the Penny Bazaar. His uncle, Simon Marks, and his father, Israel Sieff, built the five-shilling superstores we all knew in our youth and by their exertions gave an example to the whole of British industry and commerce, for which both were very properly recognised by a life peerage.

'Lord Sieff's earlier career was interrupted by distinguished war service in the Royal Artillery, for which he was awarded the OBE, but he naturally joined the family firm and promptly exhibited the family flair. His father had transformed the textile side of the business; he did the same for the food sector, and there can be few of us who do not regularly give thanks for his initiatives and for the standards he set. His words to a farming conference about 20 years ago sum up much of his philosophy: "Our policy is to establish an expanding market for high-quality home produce. We cooperate with forward-thinking British farmers on a mutually profitable basis to give satisfaction to the customer. We visit the farms, the

packing and processing plants regularly and we arrange for the farmer and processor to visit our head office and stores. We act as a catalyst. Our technologists keep abreast of modern technical developments with regard to the breeds of animal and strains of seed available in order to select the best. Our production engineers study the development of new machinery and we encourage our farming friends to do likewise. We visit research institutes both at home and abroad in teams; whatever we learn we pass on freely to those who supply us." *Mutatis mutandis*, Mr President, that is exactly what we in the College hope to do for our surgical patients, and the success which Lord Sieff achieved must be a lesson to us all.

'He has also set great store by the welfare of his staff. No firm has taken greater care of the health and wellbeing of its employees. It is benevolent, paternalistic of course, but ultimately profitable. "Fifty years ago we thought we had a moral obligation: it has turned out to be good business."

'There could never be any doubt that he would come to control this great enterprise: Vice-Chairman in 1965, Chairman in 1972, knighted for services to export in 1971, created life peer in 1980, Hambro Business Man of the Year in 1977, Aims of Industry National Free Enterprise Award in 1978, and of course one of our most discerning Patrons. The formidable efficiency of his firm was already enabling his Vice-Chairman, Lord Rayner, to school the Civil Service in the proper management of their affairs.

'Sir Archibald McIndoe first interested Simon Marks in his work and in the independent endeavour of the College to maintain the quality of service to surgical patients in spite of the stultifying bureaucracy of the NHS. The extended family of Marks and Sieff have been since that time most generous contributors to our enterprise. The donations, starting with the Simon Marks Trust, have now totalled £925 000, but it is not simply as benefactors that we honour him today: it is as a great national figure who has pointed the way forward, not simply for commerce but for a revitalisation of our society.'

After receiving his diploma from the President Lord Sieff said:

'Mr President, Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, I am very sensible of the honour that you do me in admitting me to your Honorary Fellowship. To become an Honorary Fellow in a college of distinction is an honour; to be an Honorary Fellow of the world's greatest College of Surgeons—and the Royal College of Surgeons of England has no equal—is exceptional. So I say a very inadequate "thank you".'

'Just to give a personal example of the results of the work of the Royal College: we have an Italian friend who contracted cancer some 16 years ago. He came to St Mark's Hospital, where a Fellow of this College has operated on him many times. Our friend has a great zest for life and will to live and when he is not in St Mark's he leads a dynamic and constructive life. He has been in St Mark's for the past six weeks; no one, including the doctors, thought he would survive the last operation. He is now recovering. When I spoke to him this morning he said he would like to pay a tribute to his surgeon and to St Mark's. He said: "Only a British surgeon could have kept me alive and enabled me to be active for so many years." What better tribute could we have.

'My family and Marks and Spencer have been associated with the College for some 40 years; both my father and Simon Marks were Honorary Fellows. Our contact with the Royal College came through Archie McIndoe. I think it was Elaine Blond who first introduced the family to Archie McIndoe many years ago. He was a great man whose untimely and early death was a loss to all of us. Archie, and Connie his wife, were great friends of the family and

their friendship spans the generations. Connie still is of course a close family friend. I too had the good fortune to be friendly with Archie and Connie. We shall forever be in Archie's debt.

'Finally I want to say what pleasure it gives me on this occasion that my young aunt, Elaine Blond, is being installed as a member of the Court of Patrons. As I said, she, from the beginning, was associated with Archie at East Grinstead and has been connected with the Royal Victoria Hospital in the most active and beneficial way imaginable. It is a very happy occasion for us both.

'Once more, I thank you all.'

The installations were witnessed by members of Mrs Blond's and Lord Sieff's families and all were entertained at luncheon afterwards by the President and Members of Council.



Professor Geoffrey Slaney, President, Mrs Elaine Blond and Lord Sieff of Brimpton after the admission ceremonies on 19th April.

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Following the successful Open Week held in April 1982 Council agreed to hold two Open Evenings in 1984. In the event the final arrangements were for an Open Evening on Monday 16th April and for an Open Day—with morning, afternoon and evening sessions—on Tuesday 17th April.

Some of the most popular exhibits and demonstrations from two years before were on show again—Mr Lorimer Fison's eye surgery stall, Mr R M Kirk demonstrating anastomosis and Mr Richard Turner-Warwick's team explaining the cause and cure of slow start, poor stream and terminal dribble. Dr John Bushman and his team from St Andrew's Hospital demonstrated the use of computers in anaesthetics and intensive care, while Professor John Blandy's team showed visitors how to use an ultrasonic gun. This time, however, the emphasis was more on the research which is being undertaken in the nine scientific departments of the College's Hunterian Institute.

Most departments were well represented with exhibits and demonstrations on such diverse subjects as free-flow electrophoresis, asthma, coronary disease, thrombosis, inflammation, skin grafts, cirrhosis, multiple sclerosis, dental caries, pulsed electromagnetic fields and nuclear magnetic resonance.

The guests who came—businessmen, solicitors, accountants and their wives—were all impressed by the work which is going on at the College. But we could have done with twice as many visitors. Where were all the Fellows and their guests? An advertisement for the Open Days appeared on page 8 of the *College and Faculty Bulletin* which was circulated with the March issue of the *Annals*. Fellows were invited to bring friends to see the College and were asked to ring me for full details and invitation cards. There are 10 740 Fellows resident in the UK; not one of you telephoned! You and your friends missed an interesting occasion.

ROGER HICKLING

ADMISSION TO HONORARY FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE Professor Bertram Cohen

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on 12th April 1984 Professor Bertram Cohen DDS FDSRCS FRCPath was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship of the College. The citation was delivered by Professor A J Harding Rains, Vice-President, as follows:

'Mr President, here is a disciple of John Hunter, one I would say with the Jenner touch, for as cuckoos, hedgehogs and vaccination were to Edward Jenner, so sparrows and common birds, marmosets and a vaccine against caries are to Bertram Cohen. He is in line with notable alumni of our College's scientific activity like that great vaccinator and stimulator of phagocytes, Almroth Wright, and he has presented something more than a Shavian dilemma to Ministers of Health—but dilemmas are, after all, their stock in trade. And by the nature of his work Bert, as he is known, has to be a follower of Pasteur. It was Pasteur who first indicated to colleges and universities how to assess scientific merit in those magic moments in the Sorbonne when he, turning toward Lister, posed the two questions: "What have I done for my own instruction?" and "What have I done for my country?"

'Bert's instruction, his education, was given a loving maternal send-off through King Edward VII School and the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, followed in course of time by lectureships and fellowships to Northwestern University, the Postgraduate Medical School and at this College as Leverhulme Research Fellow. For 24 years he has been our Nuffield Professor of Dental Science. He was awarded a Doctorate of Dental Surgery by the University of Witwatersrand in 1959 for his thesis on "The pathogenesis of pyorrhoëa alveolaris". He was elected FDS of this College in 1961 and then Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

'Bert accepted wholeheartedly the discipline required to pursue knowledge of the microbiology of the mouth, teeth and gums, of that fatal skin the periodontal membrane, of dental plaque, of *Streptococcus mutans* and a preventive vaccine. He has purveyed his new knowledge honestly in many papers in this country and with his thesis in the land of his birth. And for this country he has supported the advancement of dental science through his chairmanship of the Dental Committee of the Medical Research Council, as adviser to government departments, and as counsellor through membership of many committees and as a teacher and educator of innumerable graduates and technicians. He was awarded the CBE in 1982. And as a captain he served the British Empire in wartime for four years with the South African Medical Corps in North Africa and in Italy with an armoured division, a field ambulance and a CCS, working with the British 8th Army and the American 5th Army.

'And what has he done for this College? Supported always by his wife Hazel, he has added to its lustre not merely by developing from scratch one of the best departments of dental science around but by giving his energy, his integrity and his loyalty to every aspect of College life. Even the sporting life of the College has blossomed under his influence through his considerable prowess on the cricket field, the golf course and the squash court. It is good to have him on your side. He could indeed make a good sparring partner for he was at one time a boxing correspondent.

'Bert Cohen is the Sherlock Holmes of the Holbein picture. Yes, it now seems elementary, dear College, to dust down an old dental X-ray machine and with the encouragement of a sporting President, then Sir Arthur Porritt, to transform an overpainted enigma into a picture with a birthright and a romantic story, with all that means in terms of value. We shall be forever grateful. We are as delighted

as he is that he has been elected Hunterian Trustee. But what makes a man truly Hunterian? He must have, I believe, beside a zest for life and teaching an affinity for animals, bird and beast. How else could Hunter have run his menagerie at Earls Court and how without empathy could Bert have conceived and nursed the monkey colony at Downe into a notable breeding colony? I mention birds of a feather because I have heard tell of a mutual perception and have myself observed how he can rescue a bird with consummate ease, with the bird responding with complete composure—"sympatico" indeed.

'But one thing more, Bert has been aware of the value of the hallmark FRCS for 59 years, longer than most of us, ever since 1925 when he asked his father the meaning of the letters when a surgeon was called to operate on his mother and was told in as many words that it meant the best fellow for the job from the right place.

'Mr President, few and famous in name and deed are our Honorary Fellows and it is my privilege and pleasure to be able to present Bertram Cohen to you on behalf of Council to receive this honorable recognition with the letters FRCS.'

Dr Paul Louis Tessier

During a joint meeting of the College and the Académie de Chirurgie held on 2nd and 3rd May 1984 Dr Paul Louis Tessier was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship of the College. The citation was delivered by Professor Harold Ellis DM MCh FRCS as follows:

'Mr President, Members of Council and distinguished colleagues, the Honorary Fellowship of this College is the highest distinction that the President and Council can bestow on a surgeon from another country. It is a rare honour and the list of its recipients reads like a *Who's Who* of surgical giants throughout the world. Rare though this honour is, tonight we can see an even rarer, indeed a unique, occasion; it is the first time that the Honorary Fellowship has been awarded at a joint meeting of this College and the Académie de Chirurgie.

'Dr Paul Louis Tessier was born in the town of Heric in August 1917, when our two countries were fighting side by side for their very existence in some of the darkest days of the First World War. He qualified at the School of Medicine at Nantes during the grimmest period of the Second World War and became a surgical assistant at the Maxillo-Facial Centre of the Military Region of Paris in 1944, working there for the next 5 years. Since 1949 he has been Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery and the Burns Unit at the Foch Hospital and it is there that his great contributions to his specialty have been made.

'The list of his honours is extensive, but we should especially note that he is an associate member of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons and a member of the Section of Plastic Surgery of the Royal Society of Medicine.

'He has made important contributions to the whole field of plastic surgery and in the management of burns, but his greatest work is undoubtedly in the reconstructive surgery of gross cranio-facial congenital malformations, and his television teaching sessions over the past 20 years have educated reconstructive surgeons throughout the world in the management of these difficult and terrible deformities. He has written many papers and books but I must tell you that his very first publication, in 1946, was "*Impressions d'Angleterre*". Did Dr Tessier imagine, as a young doctor writing this paper, that one day he was to have another very happy "*impression d'Angleterre*" at today's historic ceremony?

'Mr President, I have the honour and privilege of presenting to you Paul Louis Tessier, plastic surgeon extraordinary, to receive the Honorary Fellowship of this Royal College of Surgeons.'

SIR ARTHUR KEITH MEDAL, 1984

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on 12th April 1984 the Sir Arthur Keith Medal was awarded to Mr Ian Capperault FRCSed FRCSGlas for his contributions to the research and teaching activities of the College. The citation was delivered by Professor Harold Ellis DM MCh FRCS as follows:

'Mr President, Members of Council, it is my pleasure to introduce Mr Ian Capperault for receipt of the Sir Arthur Keith Medal. Mr Capperault, who must be well known to everyone in this room today, is Director of Research at the Ethicon Laboratories in Edinburgh and has made great contributions to our fundamental knowledge of wound healing, particularly with regard to the behaviour of suture materials in the tissues. Moreover, he has

laboured mightily to encourage the research of young surgeons, many of whom are indebted to him for his expert help. He has a close link with Arthur Keith because he himself for many years spearheaded the Ethicon Research Unit at the Buckston Browne Farm, which makes this award of the Keith Medal a particularly serendipitous occasion.'

MR C HOLBOROW

Mr Christopher Holborow TD MD FRCS has been appointed a Commander of the Order of the Republic of The Gambia in recognition of medical services to that Commonwealth country.

MUSIC AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

'I have played in this hall before,' commented the principal clarinettist (better known to some as Professor of Pathology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School), 'the acoustics are excellent.' 'That must have been a long time ago,' I said, 'none of my colleagues can remember when we last heard an orchestra at the College.' 'Oh, it was a long time ago,' he replied, and one felt that perhaps he was remembering his own student days. Now he is chairman of an orchestra composed almost entirely of people as young as he was then.

Sinfonia Medica consists of some 50 musicians, most of whom are young doctors, medical students or nurses, gathered together from all over London. The orchestra has been meeting every other Sunday during term-time since December 1982 under their professional conductor, John Arnold. The ensemble was created with three principal aims in mind: the first, to provide rehearsals and concert experience of a high standard under the direction of a professional conductor for the many excellent musicians in the medical profession in London; the second, to give concerts in the London medical schools as well as in more familiar concert venues; and the third, to offer free rehearsals and concert facilities for some of the excellent young soloists in London, most of whom find little opportunity of performing in public with an orchestra.

On 10th May 1984 the Royal College of Surgeons was privileged

to be the venue for an excellent concert given in the Edward Lumley Hall by this enthusiastic and talented orchestra. It was not just a concert but more of a *soirée* or *conversazione*. With the Hunterian Museum open and a bar in the Council Room, people started gathering at 6 pm. Sinfonia Medica began their concert at 8 pm to a full house and the interval, enlivened by a glass of wine, was an all-too-brief time for animated conversation—learned, medical or musical.

The programme consisted of Berlioz' overture 'Le Carnaval Romain'; Mozart's piano concerto No 21 in C; Delius's *Intermezzo* 'The Walk to the Paradise Garden'; and Dvořák's *Symphonic Variations*. The soloist for the piano concerto was young Vovka Ashkenazy, son of the great Vladimir Ashkenazy.

The concert was organised in aid of the College's appeal to fund training and research. Generous sponsorship from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and from Mr Peter Hammerson (who instigated the event) meant that all the money paid by the audience was donated to the appeal. Steinway and Sons kindly loaned a grand piano.

Nothing on paper can quite recapture the atmosphere of 10th May, the skill and enthusiasm of the soloist and orchestra, the receptiveness and sympathy of the audience. It was an evening to be remembered; an evening to be repeated.

DONATIONS TO THE COLLEGE

During the past few weeks the following gifts have been received or promised:

For general funds

Five promised annual payments totalling	£2,070
Seven legacies and four interim bequests totalling	£97,850
Donations over £500 totalling	£18,000
Donations under £500 totalling	£2,828

For special purposes

From the Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust to purchase equipment for Dr Leiberman-Leigh's research into leukotrienes £14,000

Further donation from the Enid Linder Foundation towards Dr Proctor's research in the Department of Physiology £1,000
To the Lionel Colledge Memorial Fellowship £250

SURGICAL MANPOWER

The Editor has received a number of letters from Fellows on the subject of surgical manpower, a number of which have pointed out the unreliability of some of the figures published by the DHSS. The President and the Chairman of the College's Manpower Advisory Panel (Mr W J W Sharrard) would like it to be known that active steps are being taken to produce more reliable figures, mainly through the Specialist Advisory Committees of the Joint Committee on Higher Surgical Training, which are uniquely placed to provide up-to-date figures of senior registrar posts and vacancies. These figures include academic as well as NHS posts.

In particular Fellows should be aware that DHSS figures relating to the numbers of applicants for posts are misleading in that they report only the number of candidates short-listed and not of those who have submitted applications.

DEATHS OF FELLOWS AND DIPLOMATES

The *Annals* reports with regret the deaths of the following Fellows and Diplomates:

AHERN, Edward Denis HonFRCS
ANDERSON, James Christie OBE FRCS
ARMITAGE, Colin Victor OBE FDSRCS
BIGGS, Arthur Cecil Barker MC FRCS
BLAYNEY, Alexander MacAuley DA
BROOMHEAD, Reginald FRCS
CAMBROOK, John Draper FDSRCS
COFFIN, Stephen Walter FFARCS
CRAFOORD, Clarence HonFRCS
CROOK, Eric Ashley FRCS, Past Member of Court of Examiners
DAVIES, David Glyn Hughes FFARCS
DAVIES, Frank Goodrich LDSRCS
DRURY, Byrne Patrick Joseph FFARCS
FOSTER, John FRCS
GIBSON, Reginald Edward FFARCS
GILLESPIE, John Ellis FFARCS
HACKER, Emerich FFARCS
HAYDON-BAILLIE, Malcolm FRCS
HEMBROW, Charles Hugh FRCS
HESLOP, Thomas Stewart FRCS
HILL, Humphrey Cheetham FFARCS
HINDMARSH, Frederick Denis TD FRCS
HUDSON, Frank FRCS
KETTLE, John Henry FRCS
KIRIELLA, Leonard Penrynne Bandara FRCS

LEE, Maurice FRCS
LEEDHAM-GREEN, John Charles FRCS
MILNE, Kenneth Panton FRCS
MILNER, Silvanus Mottram FRCS
MONEY, Reginald Angel CBE MCFRCS
MONRO, Robert Stephen FRCS
PODDER, Jitendra Lal FRCS
PRICE, Thomas John Grahame CBE FRCS
RITCHIE, Renee DA
ROBERTS, John FRCS
ROBERTS, Richard Lloyd Brunt FRCS
ROSE, George MacGregor DA
SANDO, Maurice James Wilson OBE FFARCS
SHIPPARD, Stephen Gerald FFARCS
STUTTER, Beric Douglas FRCS
URQUHART, Ian Wylie DA
WALCH, Roger Charles FFARCS
WATSON, Heyworth Alexander Wigglesworth FRCS
WOODS, Samuel Hamilton CBE FDSRCS
WRIGLEY, Arthur Joseph CBE FRCS

DR H C DESAI

We are glad to be able to report that Dr Harivadan Chhotabhai Desai FFARCS FRCS, whose death was mistakenly reported in the March 1984 issue of the *Bulletin*, is in fact alive and well. We apologise for any distress and embarrassment that this unfortunate error may have caused.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE FELLOWSHIP IN THE FACULTY OF ANAESTHETISTS, 10th February 1984

At the recent Final Examination for the Fellowship in the Faculty of Anaesthetists 425 candidates presented themselves for the examination, 107 of whom acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

The following are the names of the 102 candidates who, having complied with the regulations, are entitled to the Diploma of Fellow in the Faculty of Anaesthetists:—

RIGBY, Richard (*St Bartholomew's*).
HAMILTON-FARRELL, Martin Robert (*KCH*).
NICHOLL, Anthony David Joseph (*St Mary's*).
PURCELL-JONES, Gari (*Charing Cross*).
LEARY, Nigel Patrick (*St George's*).
MARKS, Richard Jeffrey (*Westminster*).
PARKER, Christopher John Richard, (*Guy's*).
HUTCHINSON, Andrew (*St Bartholomew's*)
§OBEY, Pamela Ann (*St George's*).
§TUSIEWICZ, Krystyna Marta (*Toronto*).
WILSON, Roland John (*Otago*).
§MAHER, Oxana (*Manchester*).
WHITE, David Andrew (*Wales*).
MITRI, Safwat Mitri Labib (*Cairo*).
§CHRISTIAN, Ann Sheila (*Leeds*).
§MCDOWELL, Joy Margaret (*Leeds*).
PEARSON, Randall Murray Gloynes (*The London*).
AUNG PWINT (*Mandalay*).
§GEORGE, Mary (*Madras*).
GODDARD, Robert Hugh (*Bristol*).
RICHARDS, Michael John (*Wales*).
SAUL, William Peter (*The London*).
SRIRAM, Ramamurthi (*Madras*).
VENTHAM, Peter Anthony (*Soton*).
§WAINWRIGHT, Angela Patricia (*Manchester*).
§BOURNE, Ruth Alison (*Soton*).
§BUXTON, Brenda Joan (*Newcastle*).
CHEW CHEE MING, John (*Monash*).
§CHOO YIEN MEI (*Singapore*).
§COLL, Celia Ellen (*Glasgow*).
COUTINHO, Winston Basil Aquino (*Bangalore*).
JARVIS, Anthony Patrick (*Wales*).
MADHAVEN, Venkataraman (*Madras*).
§MURRAY, Angela Mary (*The London*).
PADMINI-PRASAD, Mandyam Bhimarayan (*Bangalore*).
SPARGO, Paul Michael (*St Mary's*).
SMITH, Colin Leonard (*Otago*).
§UZONI, Catherine Elizabeth Elaine (*Witwatersand*).
ASHBY, Michael William (*Birmingham*).
BENEBY, Glen Samuel (*West Indies*).
§BROWN, Catherine (*Newcastle*).
BURNLEY, Steven Richard (*Bristol*).
CANNING, James Joseph (*Glasgow*).
CHAN SHUN HUNG, Andrew (*Hong Kong*).
CLYBURN, Paul Anthony (*St Mary's*).
§DUNNET, Judith Margaret (*Edinburgh*).
EDMONDSON, Leonard (*Liverpool*).
HO WHYIE CHOON (*Malaya*).
§JONES, Melanie Jane Tinnion (*Wales*).

KAMAL EL-DIN, Ali Sherif Mohammed Ali (*Ain Shams*).
LIN, Edward (*Galway*).
LLOYD-THOMAS, Adrian Richard (*The London*).
LUDGROVE, Terence William (*St Bartholomew's*).
MCKAY, James (*Aberdeen*).
MEHTA, Dharendra (*Bristol*).
NOBLE, John (*Newcastle*).
§NOLAN, Deborah Mary (*Manchester*).
PFEIFER, Peter Michael (*St Bartholomew's*).
SWEENEY, Jonathan Edmon (*Liverpool*).
SUM PING, Sam Thio (*Manchester*).
THOMAS, Dafydd Wyn (*Wales*).
WILES, John Richard (*St George's*).
AGARWALA, Vijaya Kumar (*Manchester*).
BELL Michael (*Glasgow*).
BERG, John (*Sydney*).
BLAKE, David Charles Sedgwick (*Manchester*).
BORTHWICK, James Malcolm (*Edinburgh*).
BOWHAY, Andrew Richard (*Charing Cross*).
§BREAR, Sarah Elizabeth (*Royal Free*).
CALLANDER, Christopher Campbell (*Dundee*).
CARTER, John Anthony (*KCH*).
COE, Peter Alan (*Leeds*).
COOK, Paul Russell (*Birmingham*).
DEAR, Guy De Lisle (*St George's*).
FARRELL, Patrick Thomas (*New South Wales*).
FERGUSON, Michael Robert (*Edinburgh*).
GOLDBERG, Peter Leslie (*St Bartholomew's*).
HARDY, Paul Andrew John (*Manchester*).
§HARRIS, Corinne-Elise (*Bristol*).
HAWKEN, William Joseph (*Bristol*).
HAWORTH, David (*Soton*).
HERBERT, Michael Eric (*Birmingham*).
KAY, Philip Martin (*KCH*).
KIRBY, Ivor John (*Manchester*).
§MONTGOMERY, Jane Neilson (*Glasgow*).
MOUSDALE, Stephen (*Manchester*).
NAYLOR, Howard Christopher (*Bristol*).
ORR, Desmond Alan (*Newcastle*).
PAECH, Michael James (*Adelaide*).
PLENDERLEITH, John Louie (*Edinburgh*).
POLLOK, Anthony John (*Edinburgh*).
RANDALL, Nigel Peter Crispian (*Soton*).
SINCLAIR, JOHN RAYMOND (*Wales*).
TROTT, Timothy Welbourn (*Adelaide*).
VAGHADIA, Himat (*St Bartholomew's*).
§WATERS, Jean Heather (*Liverpool*).
WEIR, Duncan Law (*Glasgow*).
WEST, Kevin John (*Middlesex*).
§WILSON, Heather Norah (*Charing Cross*).
§WITHINGTON, Davinia Elizabeth (*Soton*).
BRAS, Paul Johannes (*The London*).
RAMAYYA, Pradeep (*Osmania*).
§Woman

**'THE LETTERS OF WILLIAM HOME CLIFT
1803-1832' edited by FRANCES AUSTIN**

When a biography of William Home Clift's father was published in 1954, it was still true to say that little was known of his only son and first Assistant as Conservator of the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons. Dr Frances Austin of the University of Liverpool has now traced the bulk of the hoarded papers of the elder Clift, and placed together in a volume the *Letters* of the younger Clift.

The *Letters* provide a 'skeleton'. To them, Dr Austin has added introductory matter, linking passages, and notes, including short biographical and topographical notes on persons and places referred to in the *Letters*. The whole produces a portrait, largely a self-portrait, of a lively young man of the 1820s. He was busy in the Museum, he travelled once to Scotland, and frequently to the South and West. The *Letters*, now published, give a vivid picture of the time seen through the eyes of a born humorist and letter writer. They are of interest not only to the medical world, but also to the social historian, readers of biography, and to those who simply enjoy reading 'letters', for William Home Clift has been allowed to tell as much of his own story as survives in his own words in this book.

Copies of this book (pp. 115, with illustrations) at £4.95 can be obtained by writing to Meldon House, 8 Platts, Lydlinch, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2HX. The book code is ISBN 0-9508531-0-0.

Other announcements and events

Orthopaedics course, Norwich

A two-day instructional course in orthopaedics suitable for the Final FRCS will be held on 28th–29th September 1984 at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Programme and application form from Mrs C E Crook, Secretary/Administrator, Norfolk and Norwich Institute for Medical Education, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich NR1 3SR.

Advanced course in plastic surgery

The fifth meeting of the second series of this course will be held on 26th–27th September 1984 at the Institute of Child Health, London, on the subject of facial trauma/facial palsy. This course is aimed at consultants and senior registrars in plastic surgery, but other medical graduates are encouraged to apply. Further details from Mrs Helen Roberts, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ (Tel: 01-831 6222 ext. 39).

Final Fellowship course, Birmingham

An intensive postgraduate course in surgery, suitable for Final FRCS candidates, will be held at The Postgraduate Centre, Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham and at general and specialist hospitals in the Birmingham area from 24th September to 5th October 1984. Course fee £350; accommodation available at a nearby hotel at an additional charge. Further details and application form from Mrs J Collins, Postgraduate Secretary, Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham B18 7QH (Tel: 021-554 3801 ext. 4489). Please apply early to secure a place on the course.

Association of Surgeons of East Africa

The 35th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the association will be held from 3rd to 7th December 1984 at the University of Zimbabwe Medical School, Harare. Further information from Dr K C Rankin, Department of Surgery, Mpilo Hospital, PO Box 2096, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Pyrford course in orthopaedics

The 70th course in orthopaedics (suitable for final FRCS candidates) will be held at the Rowley Bristow Orthopaedic Hospital, Pyrford, Surrey, on 8th, 9th, 22nd and 23rd September and 6th and 7th October 1984. Further particulars from the Course Secretary, Rowley Bristow Orthopaedic Hospital, Pyrford, Surrey (Tel: Byfleet 41141. ext 205 X-ray Department).

NE Metropolitan Surgical Society

The society announces that its annual essay prize for 1984 has been won by Mr C P Ratnatunga, of Rochford Hospital, for his essay entitled 'Breast screening; is it worth while?' The runner-up was Mr P Marks with an essay on breast sarcomas.

'The role of the plain abdominal X-ray in the acute abdomen'

The fifth study day on the above theme will be held on Friday 7th September 1984 in Kent Postgraduate Medical Centre at Canterbury. Details may be obtained from the Postgraduate Administrator, Kent Postgraduate Medical Centre, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3NG.

Two-day instructional course in orthopaedics for the Final FRCS

The above course will be held on 28th and 29th September 1984 at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. A programme and application form can be obtained from Miss C E Crook, Secretary/Administrator, NANIME, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich NR1 3SR.

Eighteenth Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

This congress, organised by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, will be held from 2nd to 5th August 1984 in Singapore. Further particulars may be obtained from the Executive Secretary for the Organising Committee at the Academy of Medicine, 4A College Road, Singapore 0316, Republic of Singapore.

Fifth International Congress on Cleft Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies

This congress will be held in Monte Carlo from 2nd to 7th September 1985. Further particulars may be obtained from Dr René Malek, 6 rue Erlanger, 75016 Paris, France.

Final Fellowship course

An intensive two-week course in surgery suitable for Final FRCS candidates will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, from 3rd to 15th September 1984. The course fee is £200, with accommodation available at an extra charge, and the course is HM(67)27 approved. Further particulars may be obtained from the Administrator, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF (telephone 01-748 2040 ext 3077).

Annual Meeting of British Microsurgical Society

This meeting will be held on 17th and 18th September 1984 at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London. Papers are invited for presentation, the closing date for abstracts being 16th July. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr D M Davies FRCS, Department of Plastic Surgery, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Ducane Road, London W12.

Edinburgh Surgical Festival

The ninth Edinburgh Surgical Festival will be held from 29th to 31st August 1984. This year, the programme is devoted to 'Some aspects of trauma', 'Hepato-biliary surgery', 'Problems of arterial surgery', 'Abdominal neoplasia: some aspects of management', 'Genito-urinary surgery' and 'What not to do in surgery'. Further information may be obtained from Mrs J M Wake, University Department of Clinical Surgery, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh EH3 9YW.

Association of Surgeons of South-east Asia-Fifth Biennial General Scientific Meeting

This meeting, organised by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, will be held from 24th to 28th February 1985 in Singapore. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretariat, Fifth BGSM-ASSEA, c/o Academy of Medicine, 4A College Road, Singapore 0316, Republic of Singapore.

Courses on 'Leadership in hospitals'

The DHSS has commissioned the Industrial Society to run two more 'Leadership in hospitals' courses in 1984. The first will run from 24th to 28th July 1984 at the NHS Study Centre, The White Hart in Harrogate. The second will take place in the autumn at dates yet to be fixed.

This intensive training course is aimed primarily at clinicians (senior registrar or consultant level) but also has places available for senior nursing, administrative and other hospital staff. All delegates return to their hospitals with a list of precise individual actions to improve their own capacity to get results from other people.

For further information please contact Jessy Kitchingham on 01-839 4300 ext 266.

Notice to contributors

Authors intending to submit original scientific papers for publication in the *Annals* are strongly advised to consult "Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals" produced by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors and published in the *British Medical Journal* 12th June 1982, 284, 1766-1770. To save time and expense the *Annals* normally will only consider manuscripts which conform to this style.

The modifications and requirements that are special to the *Annals* are as follows:

Title page

The International Committee recommends that the title page should contain the 'first name, middle initial and last name of each author'. We recognise, however, that this may not be the form in which the author would wish his name to appear in print. We suggest, therefore, that authors should give their name first in the required form followed in parenthesis by the form in which they wish it to be published, if this is different (eg Augustus B Jones (A Burton Jones)).

Please add most important qualifications after name.

The appointment of each author *at the time of performance of the work reported* should be given. If he has since moved on, his new appointment should be given in a footnote.

Text

Two copies of the text should be submitted whenever possible. The author should always retain a copy for consultation and comparison with the proof. The text should be double spaced and have a wide margin.

Length of text

Articles based on Hunterian, Arris and Gale and other eponymous lectures, also reviews, should not exceed 5000 words. Other articles should not exceed 3000 words.

References

The *Annals* uses the Vancouver style for references and details of this can be found in the supplement of the *British Medical Journal* 12th June 1982, 284, page 1766. 'Unpublished observations' and 'personal communications' may not be used as references, although references to written and not oral communications may be inserted in the text in parentheses. Manuscripts which have been accepted but not yet published may be included in the references. The

journal is designated, followed by 'in press' in parentheses. If the manuscript has been submitted but not accepted, it can be mentioned in the text as unpublished observations in parentheses but it cannot be used as a reference.

No more than 25 references are accepted.

Illustrations including tables

The number of illustrations including tables should not be more than 10 for Hunterian Lectures etc and not more than 6 for other scientific articles.

Colour illustrations

Colour illustrations can be published *only* at the author's own expense, which may be considerable.

Arrows and symbols

Transfers or stencils should be used for arrows or other symbols indicating particular points in photomicrographs etc. A pencil or pen should *not* be used for this purpose. Alternatively the symbols may be written on a sheet of tracing paper covering the photograph.

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Original radiographs should not be submitted but should be photographed and reduced. It is up to the author to make sure that the prints (especially those of X-rays of bones) are of sufficiently good quality to ensure reproduction without loss of essential detail.

Original line drawings

Original line drawings, graphs, etc will be accepted in place of photographs of them, and indeed will often give better results. All illustrations will be returned to the author after his article has been published.

Scale

The *Annals* will not insist on internal scale markers being included in all photomicrographs. In their absence, however, the degree of magnification should be stated in the legend whenever possible; if the photomicrograph has to be reduced for publication, the magnification will be adjusted accordingly.

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General information

College address for correspondence

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The Hunterian Institute has been formed to combine and co-ordinate the teaching and research activities of the Departments of the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences and the Research Departments of the College (Dental Science, Anaesthetics, Ophthalmology and Physics in relation to Surgery).

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Examinations

All enquires relating to Examinations of the College and its Faculties should be addressed to the Examinations Secretary, C J Lambert, MA at the College (address and telephone number above).

College facilities

These include a common room for Fellows of the College and Faculties and a cafeteria open for coffee, lunch and tea on weekdays to anyone having occasion to visit the College.

The Library

The Library (Librarian: Eustace Cornelius MA ALA) is open each weekday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Saturdays and during August and on Bank Holidays. It is a *reference* library whose stock comprises some 160,000 bound volumes of periodicals, pamphlets, and books and it receives some 600 current periodicals. There are large collections of manuscripts, autograph letters, engraved portraits, and photographs. The Library is particularly rich in its collection of the literature of surgery and its specialties, including anaesthesia and oral surgery, and of anatomy, physiology, and general pathology.

All the collection is available for consultation in the Library. Although items are not lent to individuals, books, pamphlets, and periodicals less than 50 years old are lent to other medical libraries; older material can be supplied in photocopy. A MEDLINE terminal has been installed and searches can be processed at a cost of £10.00 per search. Information on specific subjects (including

subject bibliographies) can be supplied where detailed discussion is possible between the enquirer and the staff of the Library. In other cases the Library will offer advice on how best to obtain the information required. Photocopying, which is chargeable, can be undertaken.

Lists of books added to the Library are published from time to time. In future these lists will no longer appear as supplements to the *Bulletin* but may be obtained by writing to the Librarian.

Museums

The Hunterian Museum (Conservators: Professors R M H McMinn and J L Turk, George Qvist Curator: Miss E Allen) is open each weekday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Saturdays and during August and on Bank Holidays. The Wellcome Museums of Anatomy and Pathology are open during normal working hours Mondays to Fridays only and are closed during August and on Bank Holidays.

Down House

Down House, Downe, Kent, BR6 7JT (Telephone 66-59119). The home of Charles Darwin in the possession and under care of the College. Visitors most welcome. Open daily from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (no admission after 5.30 p.m.) except Mondays and Fridays. Closed during February and on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day. Open on Bank Holiday Mondays (except as above). Admission £1 for adults, 50p for pensioners and 20p for children. Taxis and buses (146) from Bromley North or South stations or taxi from Orpington. Enquiries should be addressed to the Custodian, P A Titheradge.

Nuffield College facilities

Accommodation: subject to availability rooms may be booked for long or short periods, including some rooms for married couples. Enquiries to the Bursar.

College facilities for functions and conferences

All enquiries to the Deputy Secretary.

Subscription Dinners

These are held on the first or second Wednesday in certain months of the year. All Fellows and Members and other diplomates of the College and its Faculties are eligible to attend, with their guests. Details are available from the Catering Supervisor at the College, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

Hunterian and Arris and Gale Lectures

Fellows and Members wishing to apply to give a Hunterian or Arris and Gale Lecture are advised to obtain the regulations from the Secretary. Applications are invited by advertisement in the medical journals in January each year. Applicants are asked to submit 35 copies of a synopsis of approximately 500 words describing the subject of the proposed lecture. The degree of originality should be indicated. Work carried out under a superior must be shown to have the latter's approval before being submitted. No special form of application needs to be completed.

Examinerships

Vacancies are advertised as follows:

Court of Examiners (Final Membership and Fellowship)—*RCS Bulletin*, March and September.

Primary Fellowship and surgical diplomas—*BMJ* and *Lancet*, March.

Faculty of Dental Surgery—*BDJ*, third Tuesday in November.

Faculty of Anaesthetists—*RCS Bulletin*, November.

Letters

It is not proposed to include letters from Fellows or Members in the *College and Faculty Bulletin*. Comments or enquiries relating to items included in the *Bulletin* should be addressed to the Secretary who will, where appropriate, refer them to the relevant Committee.